(b) The responsibility of dealing with offences under the Copyright Act rests with the police authorities of the State Government and the Union Territory Administration. Copyright Enforcement Cells have been set up in most of the States/Union Territories headed by a senior police officer to deal with such offences. No data is maintained centrally by the Government regarding the number of video piracy cases reported.

(c) According to the information provided by FICCI, the estimated loss to the film industry per year, due to pirated video cassettes and discs is Rs. 400 crores.

Implementation of C.A.S.

1267. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAS has been implemented so far in any part of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the responses from various corners of the country about its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The State Governments of National Capital Territory of Delhi, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal had approached the Central Government for deferment/withdrawal of the Conditional Access System (CAS) citing various reasons relating to consumers' interests, including issue of pricing of pay channels, Set Top Boxes (STBs) and terms and conditions for procurement of STBs. Besides, during the course of implementation of CAS, a deep divide was also noticed amongst the stakeholders, *viz.*, broadcasters, multi-system operators and local cable operators, having a direct impact on the interests of the consumers. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), which became the 'Regulator' for broadcasting and cable services on 9th Jan. 2004, has initiated a number of steps to ascertain the difficulties faced by the consumers, the effect of implementation of CAS and the problems faced during the course of implementation of CAS. TRAI, as an interim measure, suggested that the implementation of CAS in the four metros be either denotified or kept in abeyance for at

least three months. The Government, in the larger interests of the public, has suspended the implementation of CAS in the four metros until further orders through a notification issued on 27th Feb. 2004. The High Court of Madras has, however, granted absolute stay on the suspension of the CAS in Chennai, where it is currently under implementation.

DD programmes in Chhattisgarh

1268. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan programmes have their reach in the entire area of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government would set up more VLPT/LPT in each districts to ensure the reach of Doordarshan even in remote areas of the state;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Doordarshan coverage in terrestrial mode is presently available to about 79.5% population of Chhattisgarh and about 69.2% of its area.

(b) to (d) For further expansion of TV coverage in Chhattisgarh, an HPT at Biiaspur (Bilaspur Distt.) and a VLPT at Devbhog (Raipur Distt.) are currently under implementation. The VLPT project at Devbhog is expected to be completed during 2004-05 and the HPT project at Bilaspur by the end of 2005-06. With commissioning of the above transmitters, about 90% population of the State is expected to be brought under the coverage and areawise coverage is expected to increase from the present 69.2% to about 75.3%. Further TV coverage to uncovered areas of the country is now envisaged to be provided through satellite transmission in Ku-Band, which is expected to commence shortly.

Law and order problems due to domestic satellite TV channels

1269. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some domestic